Unit #29 Cancer and Tumors

Below is a list of the vocabulary needed to pass this unit with a good score.

**basal cell carcinoma**
a type of skin cancer often appearing as a transparent bump on the skin
"Nowadays most people are aware that sunbathing is a leading cause of basal cell carcinoma."

**cancerous**
of or connected to cancer
"The doctors suspected that the tumor may be cancerous and ordered a biopsy."

**carcinogenic**
causing cancer
"Smoke from tobacco is known to be carcinogenic."

**carcinoma**
a cancer arising in the lining of internal organs
"Fortunately, the carcinoma was found to be benign."

**chemotherapy**
treatment of disease using a mixture of drugs
"After an operation to remove a cancer, chemotherapy is the first course of treatment."

**cytogenic**
producing cells
"The prostate gland is a cytogenic gland as it secretes living cells."

**leukemia**
cancer of the white blood cells
"Leukemia is a cancer caused by an overproduction of damaged white blood cells."

**lymphoma**
cancer of the lymph nodes
"There is a risk of the lymphoma spreading to the kidney and lungs."

**melanoma**
a serious cancerous growth on the skin similar in appearance to a mole
"Although the most dangerous form of skin cancer, melanoma can still be treated."

**myeloma**
cancer of the bone marrow
"The specialist discussed methods of slowing the myeloma."
neoplasm
an abnormal new growth
"A neoplasm can be either benign or malignant so should be investigated."

nephroma
an abnormal growth in the kidney
"Surgery is often the treatment of choice for nephroma because it leads to the best outcomes."

neuroma
an abnormal growth made of nerve tissue
"The MRI confirmed the presence of a neuroma in the ball of her foot."

oncogenic
causing the development of tumors
"Viruses which are suspected of causing cancers are referred to as oncogenic cancers."

polyp
a growth which protrudes from the tissue
"If a polyp is small and asymptomatic, it may disappear on its own."

pulmonary neoplasm
a tumor in the lungs
"A biopsy was taken to confirm the malignancy of the pulmonary neoplasm."

radiotherapy
the treatment of disease using radiation
"In most cases radiotherapy is used as the second stage of treatment."

retinoblastoma
cancer of the retina
"Children are at risk for recurrence of retinoblastoma until the age of 6."

sarcoma
cancer of connective tissue cells
"Stage IV sarcoma is rarely curable as it has already spread throughout the body."

thymoma
a tumor in the thymus tissue
"Having been diagnosed, a thymoma can be removed surgically."